

City to host ward meetings to discuss future trash service, receive input from residents

The city of Broken Arrow will host 5 ward meetings in April and May to discuss the future of Broken Arrow's trash service.

In December 2011, the City Council directed staff to present and recommend a plan to provide for a change in refuse service to a once-a-week volume-based service with provisions to include single stream recycling when facilities for single stream recyclables become available.

The proposed plan includes:

1. Cart based system
2. Use based charges
3. Once a week pickup
4. Single stream recycling as soon as possible
5. Transition to a fully automated system as soon as feasible

Single stream recycling can be implemented when facilities for single stream recycling



become available. The sanitation fleet will then transition to a fully automated system as soon as feasible.

"A cart based, PAYT (Pay As You Throw) system is the best means by which this can happen," said Broken Arrow General Services Director Lee Zirk. "With a cart based system already in place, single stream recycling can be integrated by adding recycling carts and additional trucks and routes."

With the proposed new

system, rates for residents could also change.

The current refuse rate is the same for each customer without regard to how much refuse a residence generates. The new variable rate allows customers who generate less refuse to subscribe to a smaller cart at a lower rate.

"Those who generate less trash or recycle more can reduce their refuse costs," Zirk said. "Conversely, those customers who generate more waste can choose to add a second cart for an additional monthly fee or by purchasing pre-paid extra refuse bags for use on an as needed basis. One standard size, 96-gallon cart should meet most residential needs."

It is anticipated three carts will be made available: 32, 64 and 96 gallon subscriptions with an additional charge per extra cart.

"We want to hear from our residents regarding changes to their trash service," said Mayor

Scheduled meetings

April 16 - Ward 1 - Heritage United Methodist Church, 5300 E. Kenosha St.

April 30 - Ward 2 - Liberty Church, 7777 S. Garnett Rd.

May 8 - Ward 3 - South Broken Arrow Library, 3600 S. Chestnut Ave.

May 14 - Ward 4 - Indian Springs Baptist Church, 7815 S. Elm Pl.

May 21 - At Large - Central on Main, 210 N. Main St.

Mike Lester. "We want input on whether they like the proposed plan, have ideas to add or delete from the proposed plan, or don't want to change their trash service at all. We want to know what our residents think."

All five ward meetings are open to the public.

To see additional details on the proposed plan, visit <http://www.brokenarrowok.gov/index.aspx?nid=86>.

Police academy graduates 11 new cadets



Zachary Jordan, Leon Rademacher, Joshua Mathews, Paul Hughes, Joshua McCoy, Michael Orcutt, Joshua Zoller, Brannon Taylor, Pat Chernisky, Rodney Garner, Ian Wasson are the newest police officers with the Broken Arrow Police Department. The men graduated from the Broken Arrow Police Academy March 14.

Spring Plant and Herb Fair May 5

The Broken Arrow Parks Department will present the Spring Plant and Herb Fair 8 a.m.-3 p.m. May 5, at the Broken Arrow Farmers Market, 418 S. Main St.

In addition to being able to shop the wide variety of produce, meats, wine, cheeses, breads and natural skin care products normally found at the Farmers Market, patrons will also find plants, flowers and landscape items not normally found on a typical market day.

In addition to the shopping opportunities there will be an interactive kids zone and



acoustic entertainment. Come spend the day at you Broken Arrow farmers market!

For more information e-mail David at dblue@brokenarrowok.gov or call 918-259-6572.



City receives 'Sunny Award' from Sunshine Review

Award recognizes website transparency

The City of Broken Arrow's website received its second "Sunny Award" which awards state and local government grades on the subject of website transparency.

"We are thrilled to once again receive this award. We have taken it upon ourselves to make sure our website is easy to use and offers our residents everything they want to know about city government," said Director of Communications Stephanie Higgins. "We launched a new website in March 2012 which will help us further our mission of transparency."

The city was given a "C" in 2010 and has since received an "A+" the last two years.

The award recognizes the best state and local government websites in America that exceed transparency standards.

This year, only 214 of the 6,000 government websites ranked

by Sunshine Review received a Sunny Award.

The Sunny Awards announcement preludes the launch of "Sunshine Week," a period nationally recognized by hundreds of media and civic organizations, that celebrates the efforts of activists and the strides taken towards open government.

This year, three city governments received an A+ including the City of Tulsa, City of Broken Arrow and City of Owasso.

Sunshine Review is about state and local government transparency, engaged citizens and holding government officials accountable.

The Sunshine Review wiki collects and shares information about state and local transparency using a 10-point transparency checklist to evaluate state and local websites.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 1-MAY 31

May 1 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 5 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

May 5 — Spring Plant and Herb Fair 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

May 8 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 8 — Ward 3 meeting regarding sanitation service 6:30 p.m., South Broken Arrow Library, 3600 S. Chestnut Ave.

May 10 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 12 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

7815 S. Elm Pl.

May 15 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 19 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

May 19 — Camp Bandage 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 400 N. Aspen Ave. For more visit, campbandage.org.

May 19 — BA Round-Up Club Playdays 2 p.m., Broken Arrow Round-Up Club Arena located between Broken Arrow and Coweta. Take Hwy 51 to the four-way stop light at Oneta Road. Across from Broken Arrow Elks Lodge. For more information, call 918-258-3079, or visit <http://brokenarrowruc.com>.

May 21 — At-Large meeting regarding sanitation service 6:30 p.m., Central on Main, 210 S. Main St.

May 22 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 23 — Coffee with your Chief 7-9 a.m. Braums, 4701 S. Elm Pl. Sit and have coffee with Broken Arrow's Police Chief David Boggs.

May 24 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 26 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

May 28 — Broken Arrow City Offices closed for Memorial Day.



May 11-13 — Rooster Days Intense, action packed, kid friendly, incredible music and great fun only begins to describe the Broken Arrow Rooster Day's festival. Visit <http://www.roosterdaysfestival.com> for more.

May 14 — Ward 4 meeting regarding sanitation service 6:30 p.m., Indian Springs Baptist Church,



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